

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 30, 2006. Claims 7, and 9 to 15 are in the application. Claims 7, 13, 14 and 15 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Turning to the Office Action, Claims 7, 9 to 11, and 13 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,205,267 (Williams). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Williams in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,212,451 (Werner, Jr.). Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Williams in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,835,461 (Snelling). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded to Applicants' undersigned representative during the April 19, 2007 telephonic interview with the Examiner. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively indicated that he would be inclined to view the application more favorably if the claims were amended along the lines of those set forth above.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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